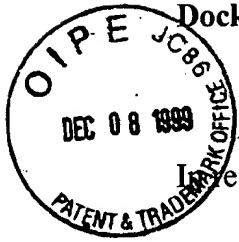


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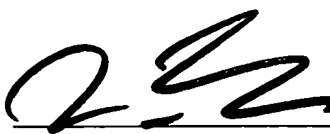
Sir:

In the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (Notice) dated September 27, 1999, in the above-identified application, a shortened statutory period for response to the Action expired on November 27, 1999. Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of the period for response so that such period will end on December 27, 1999. The applicable fee of \$110.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) is submitted with the Response to the Notice that is being filed with this Petition.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 11-0855. A duplicate copy of this correspondence is enclosed for that purpose.

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